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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

- 1. The amendment filed September 27, 2004 has been entered and fully considered.
- 2. Claim 15 was canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 6-9, 11-16 are allowed.
- 4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
- a. Independent claims 6-8 now require a light to heat conversion agent in the protective layer. There is no teaching or suggestion in Vermeersch et al., Gardner, Jr. et al. or Teng that would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to add a light to heat conversion agent to the hydrophilic protective layer as required in the present claims. Independent claim 9 and the claims dependent thereon were previously allowed.

Conclusion

- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara L. Gilliam whose telephone number is 571-272-1330. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM 5:30 PM.
- a. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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